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Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended). A method of providing software to a user for subsequent use by a particular user device, comprising:

providing a user interface configured to allow the user to identify the particular user device, wherein the particular user device is one of a plurality of different user devices respectively corresponding to a plurality of different manufacturers, and wherein the user interface comprises a display device;

locating the user interface in a retail sales location where the particular user device may be is-offered for sale to the user;

displaying a plurality of different manufacturers via the display device;

allowing the user to identify[[ing]] a particular manufacturer from the displayed plurality of different manufacturers via the user interface;

displaying a plurality of different user devices corresponding to the particular manufacturer via the display device;

allowing the user to identify[[ing]] the particular user device from the displayed plurality of different user devices via the user interface;

accessing software specific to the particular user device in response to the user identifying the particular user device from the displayed plurality of different user devices;

providing a plurality of a computer readable medium;

storing the software on at least one of the plurality of the computer readable medium; and

making the computer readable medium available to the user.

Claims 2-3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (original). The method of claim 1, and wherein the accessing of the software is performed automatically in response to identifying the particular device.

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1 Claim 5 (original). The method of claim 1, and wherein the storing of the software on  
2 the computer readable medium is performed automatically in response to the accessing  
3 of the software.

4 Claim 6 (original). The method of claim 1, and further comprising, prior to accessing the  
5 software, connecting to a global computer network in order to access the software.

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7 Claim 7 (original). The method of claim 6, and wherein:

8 the software for the particular user device is one of a plurality of available  
9 softwares, each of the available softwares being associated with a distinct access  
10 address on the global computer network;

11 the step of connecting to the global computer network comprises making a  
12 connection to the distinct access address associated with the software specific to the  
13 particular user device; and

14 the connection to the distinct access address is made in response to identifying  
15 the particular user device.

16 Claim 8 (cancelled.)

17 Claim 9 (original). The method of claim 1, and wherein the step of storing the software  
18 on a computer readable medium is performed by electronically transmitting an  
19 electronic copy of the software to a readable-writeable memory device contained within  
20 a user provided device.

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1 Claim 10 (Previously presented). An apparatus for providing software to a user for use  
2 by a particular user device, comprising:

3 a user interface configured to allow a user to:

4 select a particular manufacturer from a displayed plurality of different  
5 manufacturers and to generate a first user input signal in response thereto; and

6 select the particular user device from a displayed plurality of different user  
7 devices corresponding to the particular manufacturer and to generate a second  
8 user input signal in response thereto;

9 a communication device configured to connect to a computer network;

10 a computer readable medium writing device, wherein the computer readable  
11 medium writing device is configured to:

12 record computer readable data to a particular type of computer readable  
13 medium;

14 receive a plurality of the particular type of computer readable medium  
15 capable of having computer readable data recorded thereon; and

16 automatically record computer readable data to one of the plurality of the  
17 particular type of computer readable medium; and

18 a processor configured to receive the second user input signal, to use the second  
19 user input signal to retrieve software specific to the particular user device, and to store  
20 the software on a one of the plurality of computer readable medium using the computer  
21 readable medium writing device.

22 Claim 11 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the processor is configured  
23 to retrieve the software from the computer network via the communication device.

24 Claim 12 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and further comprising a computer  
25 readable-writable memory device, and wherein the processor is further configured to  
retrieve the software from the computer network via the communication device and to  
store the software on the computer readable-writable memory device prior to storing the  
software on the computer readable medium.

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1 Claim 13 (Previously presented). The apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the user  
2 interface comprises a touch sensitive display screen.

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4 Claim 14 (cancelled).

5 Claim 15 (Previously presented). The apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the computer  
6 readable medium type is a compact disk.

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8 Claim 16 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the communication network  
9 is a global communication network characterized by a plurality of web addresses, and  
10 the software is associated with a specific web address, and the processor is configured  
11 to cause the communication device to connect to the specific web address based on the  
12 user input signal.

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14 Claim 17 (cancelled).

15 Claim 18 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and further comprising a communication  
16 port configured to transmit electronic data to a user-provided device comprising a  
17 readable-writeable memory device, and wherein the processor is further configured to  
18 store the software on the readable-writeable memory device.

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1 Claim 19 (Previously presented). A computer network system for providing software to  
2 users of a plurality of user devices, comprising:

3 a user station comprising a first processor, a user interface in signal  
4 communication with the first processor, a first communication device in signal  
5 communication with the first processor, a first computer readable memory device in  
6 signal communication with the first processor, and a computer readable medium writing  
7 device in signal communication with the first processor, the computer readable medium  
8 writing device configured to receive a plurality of the computer readable medium, the  
9 user station located in a retail store which offers the user devices for sale;

10 a first server capable of being in signal communication with the first  
11 communication device;

12 a software server comprising a second processor, a second communication  
13 device in signal communication with the second processor, and a second computer  
14 readable memory device in signal communication with the second processor, the  
15 second computer readable memory device containing software specific to at least some  
16 of the plurality of user devices;

17 a communications network configured to connect the first server and the software  
18 server in signal communication; and

19 wherein, the first memory device contains a series of computer executable steps  
20 configured to be executed by the first processor to offer users, via the user interface, a  
21 menu of a plurality of different manufacturers and one or more menus collectively  
22 comprising the plurality of user devices, and, at least partially in response to receiving a  
23 signal from the user interface corresponding to selection of a particular user device, to  
24 cause the first server to connect to the software server and to retrieve from the second  
25 memory device an electronic copy of the software specific to the particular user device,  
and further to cause the computer readable medium writing device to record the  
software on one of the plurality of computer readable medium.

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1 Claim 20 (original). The computer network system of claim 19, and further comprising a  
2 plurality of users stations, each said user station having an associated first server, and  
3 wherein the communications network is configured to connect the plurality of first  
4 servers and the software server in signal communication.

5 Claim 21 (Previously presented). The computer network system of claim 19 further  
6 comprising a plurality of software servers, and wherein the series of computer  
7 executable steps is further configured to cause the first server to connect to one of the  
8 software servers in response to the first processor receiving a signal from the user  
9 interface corresponding to selection of the particular user device.

10 Claim 22 (original). The computer network system of claim 19, and wherein the first  
11 memory device contains address locations of software stored on the second memory  
12 device, and wherein the processor is configured to use the memory addresses to  
13 communicate to the software server the software to transmit to the first server the  
14 software specific to the particular device.

15 Claim 23 (cancelled.)

16 Claim 24 (previously presented). The method of claim 1 wherein the computer readable  
17 medium is optically readable-writeable media.

18 Claim 25 (previously presented). The method of claim 19 wherein the computer  
19 readable medium is optically readable-writeable media.  
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